

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

Computer system 42 and business database 46 operate to provide via network 44 business data that is pertinent to the suite of business services depicted in FIG. 1 in reply to a request from user device 42 ~~48~~ or from E-Business device 45. Business database 46 is referred to herein as a single database, by way of example, even though it may be a single database or a plurality of databases.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

User selection of marketing services button 84 or 90 allows the user to access other menus for marketing service 22. User selection of supplier search button 87 or 91 allows the user to access other menus for supplier service 30. User selection of collection button 85 ~~Or~~ or 92 allows the user to access other menus for collection service 24. User selection of credit services button 86 or ~~92-93~~ allows the user to access other menus for credit service 26. User selection of tracking folders button 88 or 94 allows the user to access other menus for a list of the tracking folders being maintained for the user's customers, vendors, partners, competitors and others.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

Tracking folder list 104 includes areas 108, 110, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117 and 118 that list folders for customers, suppliers, competitors, partners, prospects, my company (user's company) and projects, respectively. By clicking on a folder of tracking folder list 104, the user can identify the business of that folder as the target business. Each folder listing includes space for a business name, an identifier ~~is~~ if a credit evaluator has been ordered or stored, an alert button and a more button. For example, customer area 108 includes a business name space 120, an alert button

122 and a more button 124. The presence of an alert button indicates that the user has subscribed to an alert service as described below. Selection of alert button 122 will result in the presentation or delivery of alert data for the business identified in business name area 120 to the user. Selection of more button 124 produces more detail about the business, such as prior reports from one or more of the business services, other menus to select new reports or data and the like.

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

In another alternate embodiment, either menu 80, menu 100 or both is presented to the user as part of E-Business program 47 running on E-Business device ~~48~~45. In this embodiment, menus 80 and/or 100 can be presented in whole or in part to the user to enable the user to select a target business and/or one or more business services, such as marketing service 22, collection service 24, credit service 26, alert service 28 and supplier service 30. For example, these business services or individual items (e.g., a credit report) thereof can be presented to the user as a group on a single menu, individually on separate menus or in various combinations on separate menus. Menu 80 can be presented either via hot linking to a web site or from a cache available to or as a part of E-Business device ~~47-45~~ or user device 48.

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 6, a menu 150 depicts a business risk evaluation for the target business. Menu 150 includes a risk summary 152, a company profile 154 and a summary 156 of legal filings and other important information. Risk summary 152 includes a risk indicator 158 that has an indicator 160, with a color coded risk scale ~~462~~ that has a zone 164 of a first color for low risk, a zone 166 of a second color for moderate risk and a zone 168 of a third color for high risk. Zone indicator 158 allows the user to immediately see if indicator 160 is in low risk zone 164, moderate risk zone 166 or high risk zone 168. This permits the user to make a rapid risk

judgement without reading and analyzing all of the payment performance data of a detailed credit report. To obtain a more current credit report, the user selects a get current report button 170.

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 7, a menu 180 depicts a notice of alerts for the target business (AB Company). Menu 180 is presented to the user upon selection of an alert button, such as button 122 in FIG. 5. Menu 180 includes alerts for legal filings and their status as well as alerts for other matters that have an impact on the customer whether negative or positive such as new product opportunities that might involve opportunities for the user to increase sales to the target business.

Please replace paragraph [0045] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIGS. 12 and 13, menu 100 is shown with the get paid tab of task bar 130 selected. In FIG. 12, menu 110 presents the user with the ability to start collections, display a credit report or initiating alert service 28 by choosing buttons 211, 212, and 213, respectively. If start collecting button 211 is selected, FIG. 13 shows that menu 100 presents the user the capability of choosing among a plurality of collection services. To this end, the user is presented with a single demand letter service 214, a demand letter series 216, and a contingent collection effort 218.

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 16, a menu 278-275 can be used to present the user the opportunity to find a supplier by searching for a target company by entering the target company's name and location in boxes 280-276 and 282-277. Also, tracking folder list 104 (FIG. 5) can be presented with menu 278 for the user to alternatively select the target company therefrom.